of retrieving the relic, which are held to be remote.

References in British Media About Kashmir

6648. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that British Media have been referring to 'Kashmir' as 'Pak administered' and 'India administered' Kashmir;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government are also aware that Mr. Mahathir Mohd., Prime Minister of Malaysia had once retaliated against unsevoury references made by British Media against him and his country, by banning entry of British owned controlled companies;

(d) if so, whether Government would also like to retaliate in a similar manner, by banning British controlled/owned industries in India; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) government are aware that the British media sometimes refer to "Pak administered Kashmir" and "Indian administered Kashmir" in news items relating to Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) Through the Indian High Commission in London, Government constantly keep all sections of the British media briefed on the correct legal and political status of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) Government are not concerned with matters pertaining to relations between Malaysia and the United Kingdom.

(d) and (e) Economic relations between India and the United Kingdom are entirely unrelated to the matter raised in part (a) of the Question.

Fake Visas

6649. SHRI MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent visa racket in Bombay involving Saudi Arabia; and;

(b) what are the steps taken to save Indian citizens from fake visas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b): The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Collaboration in the deep sea fishing sector

6650. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister o FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any collaboration in the deep sea fishing industry sector to create storage facilities and infrastructure in order to utilize the deep sea fishing vessels;

(b) if so, the details of this proposal; and

(c) the proposed investment in 1994-95 for creation of additional infrastructure in Visakhapatnam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b): There is no proposal for collaboration of the Government in deep sea fishing to create storage facilities. However, Government gives assistance to organisations for meeting upto 50% of the capital expenditure on establishment of cold chain and for setting up facilities for processing of Tuna and other fishes.

(c) No proposal for Plan assistance for creation of additional infrastructural facilities in Visakhapatnam in deep sea

fishing sector has been received. However the same can be considered. as and when received.

Steps taken to arrest the declining marine shrimp resources

6651. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to arrest the trend of declining marine shrimp resources by reducing the number of deep sea trawlers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any optimum number has been fixed for annual operation of the coast of Visakhapatnam; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The data on the landing of shrimp resources is given below:

'000 tonnes

Year	Penaeid shrimp	Non-Penaeid shrimp	Total
1988	140	87	227
1989	138	90	228
1990	150	103	253
1991	173	115	288
1992	187	95	282

This data indicates that there is no declining trend in the total shrimp landings in India. However, in order to reduce the pressure on the already heavily exploited shrimp resources, introduction of new shrimp trawlers on the east Coast is not allowed. Deep sea fishing vessels intoduced under joint ventures, leasing and test fishing are also not permitted to operate in the shrimping grounds of North East Coast. Government also encourages diversified fishing by modification of existing trawlers in order to reduce the pressure on shrimp resources on the East coast and to improve the bio-economics status of this fishery.

(c) and (d) No Sir However, no increase in the present number of trawlers is permitted.

Prices of Soft Drinks

6652. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no statutory control on the prices of soft drinks;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to control the prices of soft drinks in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c): There is no statutory control on the prices of soft drinks. However, it is expected that the availability of various brands and market competition will keep a check on the prices of soft drinks.

Promotion of Food Processing Industries in States

6653. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:
SHRI J.S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state.

(a) what action is being taken by Government to promote Food Processing industries in various States;

(b) whether loans or subsidies would be given for processing agencies;

(c) which State tops the list in processing industries; and

(d) what is the proposed allotment of finance to Tamil Nadu in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) and (b) Besides delicensing almost all food processing industries and providing fiscal concessions for several food products, machinery for processing etc., the Ministry